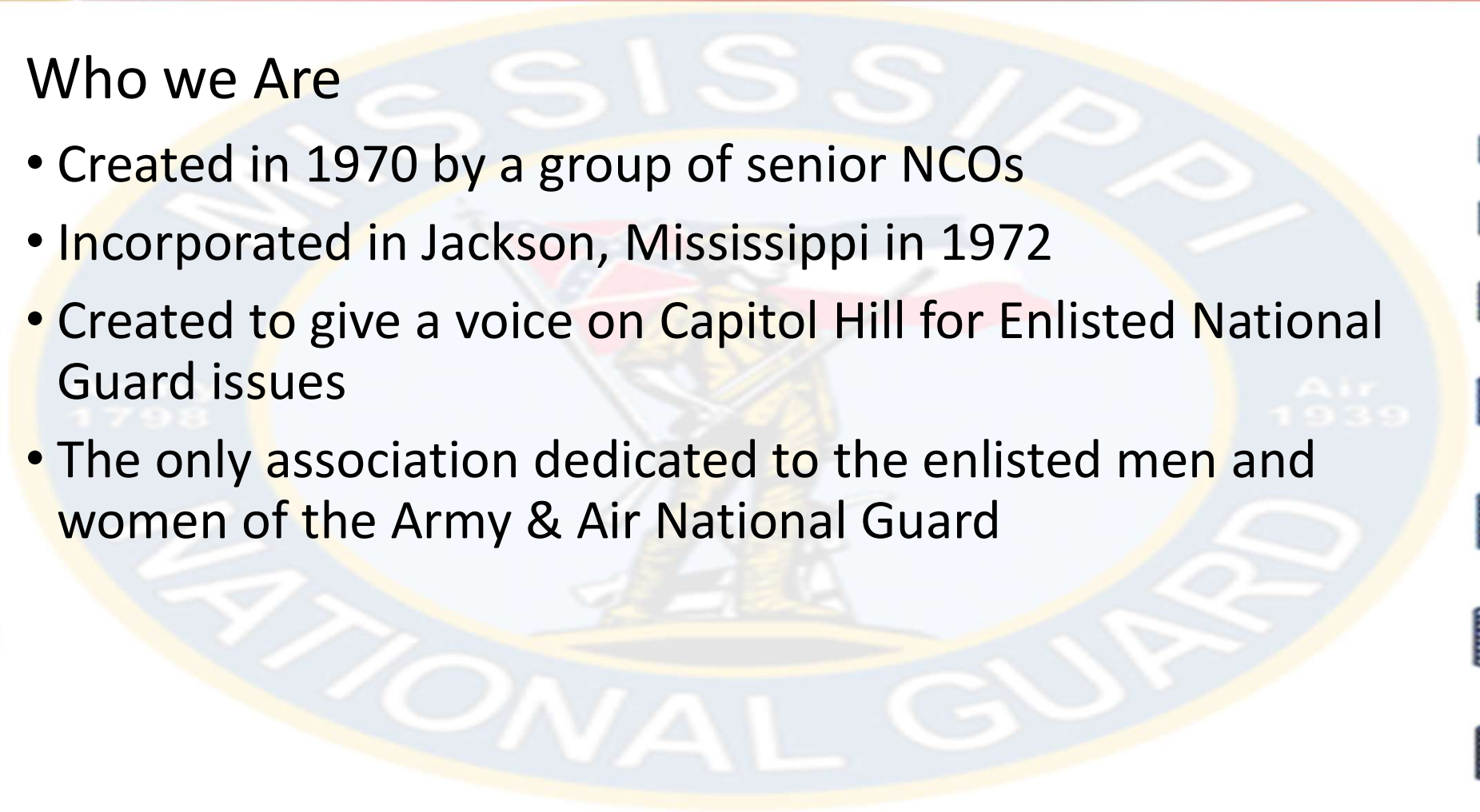




Who we Are

- Created in 1970 by a group of senior NCOs
- Incorporated in Jackson, Mississippi in 1972
- Created to give a voice on Capitol Hill for Enlisted National Guard issues
- The only association dedicated to the enlisted men and women of the Army & Air National Guard





Structure of the MS NCO Association

- State Executive Board:
 - President; Vice President Army; Vice President Air; Secretary; Treasurer; Immediate Past President; Director-at-Large; Continuity Chairperson
- Board of Directors:
 - Every district has 2 director positions that are responsible for being the communicator between the State Board and the members. Responsible for pushing up the members feedback and initiate new ideas.
 - Elected every 2 years
 - Must be retired or active member of the NCO Association
 - Attend quarterly meetings, annual state conference, mid-winter regional conference, national conference

Fun fact: did you know the 1st Enlisted Association was started right here, locally and by MISSISSIPPI. To this day we are still one of the largest Associations in the nation





Why Do We Need Associations?

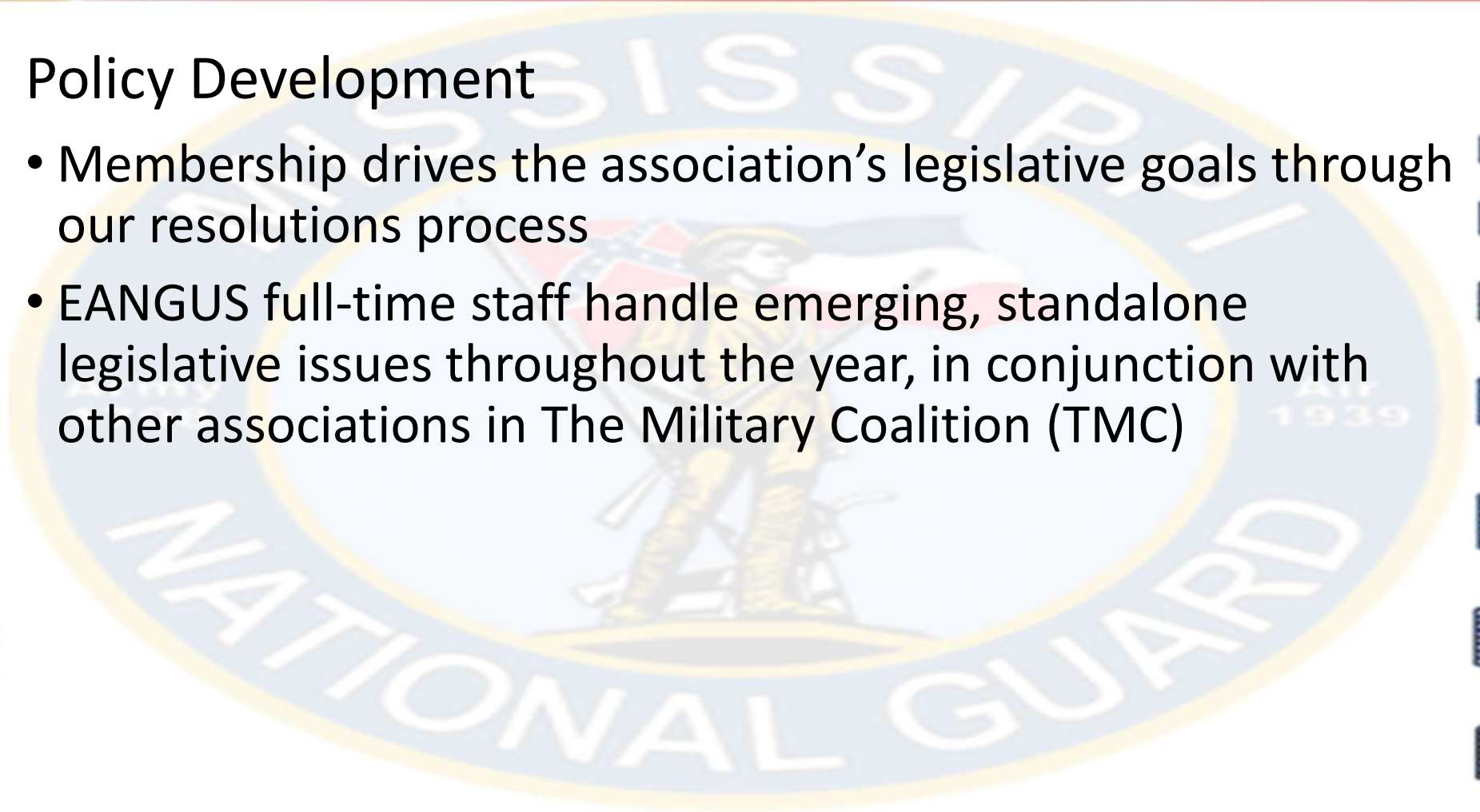
- Bring together like-minded individuals for the purposes of on-going professional development; the sharing of ideas and experiences; and to enjoy the benefits of strength in numbers and a united voice.
- Provide professional staff members to help carry out the mission of the organization; to serve as advocates and representatives for legislative issues; to administer the day-to-day operations of the organization; and to serve as a resource to the membership.





Policy Development

- Membership drives the association's legislative goals through our resolutions process
- EANGUS full-time staff handle emerging, standalone legislative issues throughout the year, in conjunction with other associations in The Military Coalition (TMC)





Legislative Priorities

- SIGN UP FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERTS!!! <https://eangus.org/legislative/>
- Reserve Component medical readiness & TRICARE expansion
- **H.R. 4247** which would amend Titles 10 and 38 of United States Code, to extend certain benefits to members of the National Guard who incur disabilities while performing State Active Duty (SAD). H.R. 4247 would enable National Guard Servicemembers who are injured or become disabled while serving on State Active-Duty orders to be eligible for VA health care and DoD disability pension for their injuries sustained in the line of duty.
- **H.R. 2982**, known as National Guard Cybersecurity Support Act, aims to help meet the cybersecurity needs of state and local governments by explicitly authorizing support from the National Guard in protecting critical infrastructure. The text authorizes the National Guard to provide cybersecurity support services at the request of a state governor, to be performed as training duty upon approval by the relevant service secretary. This bill is a companion to S.70.





Legislative Priorities (Cont.)

- S.829 – TRICARE Fairness for National Guard and Reserve Retirees Act
- H.R.1997 – TRICARE Fairness for National Guard and Reserve Retirees Act
- S.625 TRICARE Select Restoration Act
- H.R. 3512 To amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the TRICARE program for certain members of the Retired Reserve of the reserve components (Healthcare for Our Troops Act)
- H.R. 1695 – TRICARE Reserve Select Improvement Act.
- TRICARE coverage with early retirement
- Improved access to mental health care and treatment
- Equal Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay for NG/RC members
- DD 214 for NG/RC upon separation and career milestones





Resolutions 2021 - National

- 21-01 Tricare Reserve Select Extension for Surviving Families NE
- 21-02 Affordable Tricare for Grey Area Retirees ND
- 21-03 Retiree continued contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan SD
- 21-04 Military Occupation compatibility with Civilian Certificates SD
- 21-05 Automatic re-enrollment in Tricare Reserve Select (TRS) after Active Duty (AD) when Tricare Prime was in effect SD
- 21-06 TRS eligibility for Reserve Component to take effect before SD
- 21-07 Personnel Pay & Member Benefits HI
- 21-08 National Guard Counterdrug Program HI
- 21-09 Personnel Training HI
- 21-10 Retirement & Veterans Issues HI
- 21-11 Education and the GI Bill HI
- 21-12 Tricare Coverage of Infertility Treatments TN
- 21-13 National Guard Childcare Navigator Position Proposal WA





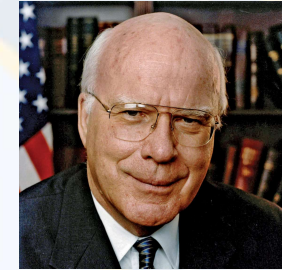
Resolutions 2021 - State

- Urging state law makers to pass legislation for two motor vehicle tags without cost to National Guard members

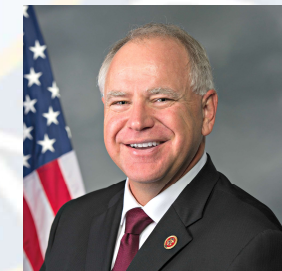


Congressional Caucuses

- Senate National Guard Caucus
 - Lindsey Graham (R-SC) Co-Chair
 - Patrick Leahy (D-VT) Co-Chair
(85 members)



- House Guard and Reserve Components Caucus
 - Steven Palazzo (R-MS) Co-Chair
 - Tim Walz (D-MN) Co-Chair
 - (Approximately 198 members)





What Your Association Has Done For You

- Helped in getting the first \$15,000 of Guard pay tax exempt from the Mississippi Income Tax.
- Helped in obtaining TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) health plan currently \$44.17 for individual and \$228.27 for family coverage.
- Along with EANGUS, helped in obtaining unlimited commissary privileges for Guardsmen.
- Sponsors three insurance programs through AFLAC:
 1. Cancer Insurance
 2. Intensive Care Insurance
 3. Hospital Indemnity Insurance
- Free access to all State Parks
- Incapacitation pay for members while traveling to and from training locations
- New GI Bill for National Guard and Reserve





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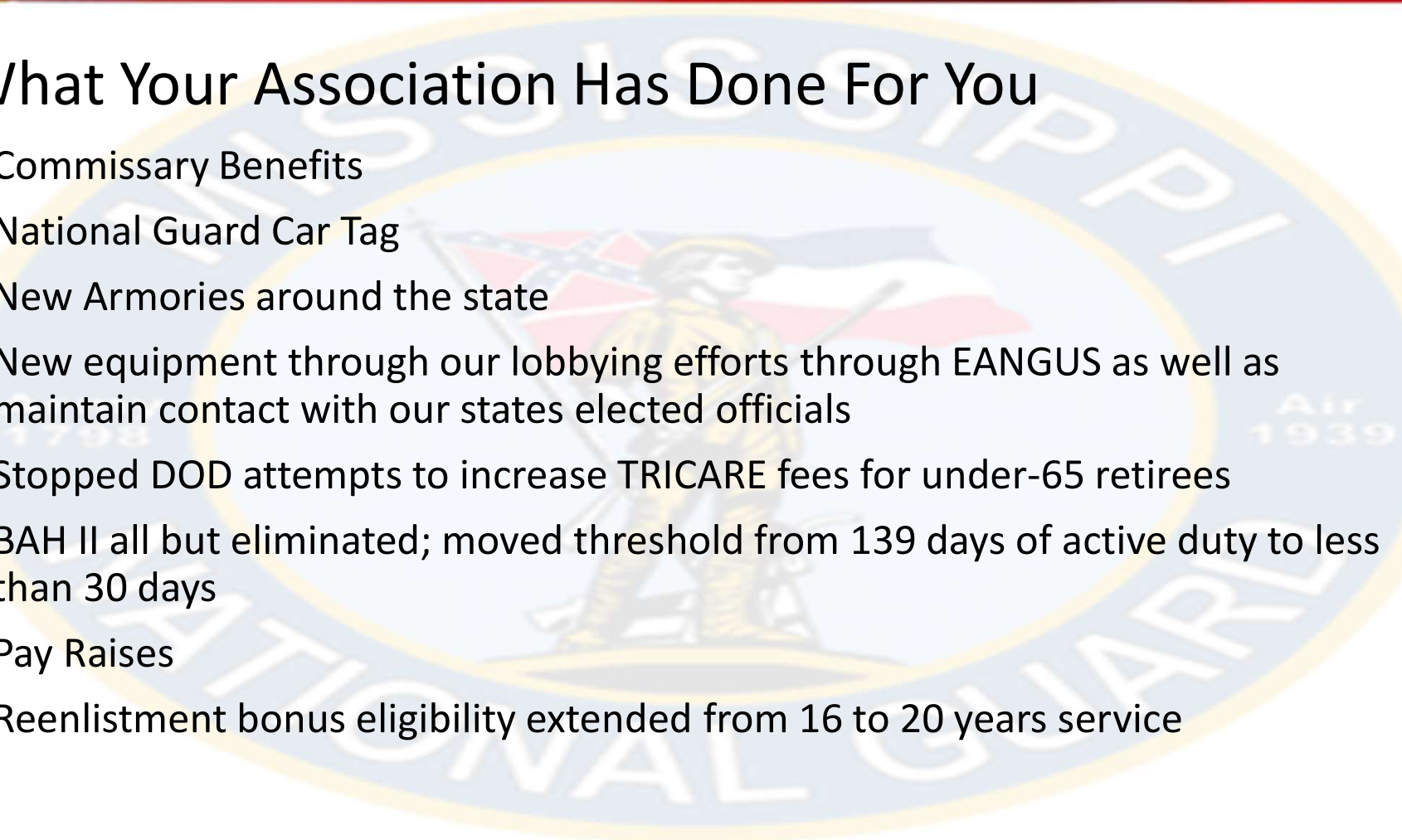
- The Armed Forces Benefit Association (AFBA) provides a \$1000 life insurance policy at no cost to actively serving National Guard Soldiers and Airmen. They also offer an enhanced life insurance program that extends State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) in increments of \$50,000 up to \$400,000
- Elimination of discrimination in hiring because of National Guard and Reserve membership
- Improvements in the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act
- Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) expansion from \$35,000 to \$50,000 to \$100,000 to \$200,000 to \$250,000 to \$400,000
- Increase in the Death Gratuity from \$6,000 to \$12,000 to \$100,000 and changed its name to Hero Compensation
- When you join the State association you are automatically enrolled in the National Association (EANGUS) and AUSA. With the EANGUS membership, you get a free Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Policy worth \$2,500 (increased from \$1,000).





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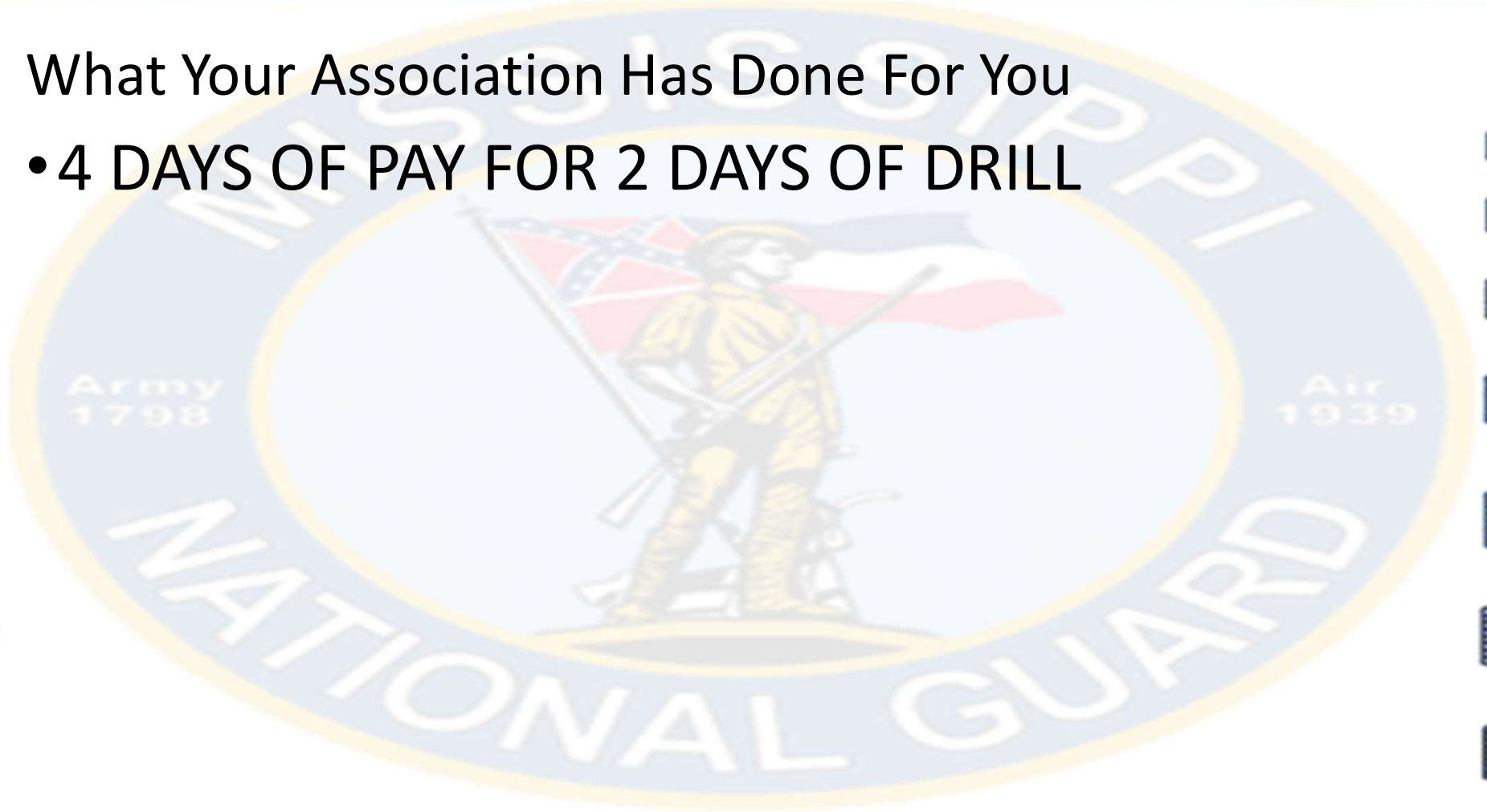
- Commissary Benefits
- National Guard Car Tag
- New Armories around the state
- New equipment through our lobbying efforts through EANGUS as well as maintain contact with our states elected officials
- Stopped DOD attempts to increase TRICARE fees for under-65 retirees
- BAH II all but eliminated; moved threshold from 139 days of active duty to less than 30 days
- Pay Raises
- Reenlistment bonus eligibility extended from 16 to 20 years service





What Your Association Has Done For You

- 4 DAYS OF PAY FOR 2 DAYS OF DRILL





EANGUS Non-Profits

- We Care for America <https://eangus-wcfa.org/>
 - WCFA offers an opportunity to a current or former enlisted National Guard member who is in good standing and is an EANGUS dues paying member (Life or Annual) who has experienced a catastrophic financial hardship and/or personal property loss to apply for a Soldier & Airman Relief Grant for Emergencies (hereafter referred to as "SARGE"). Grants may be used for financial hardships related to events such as mobilization, natural disasters, fires and other catastrophic losses. The grants are intended for otherwise non-reimbursable expenses (i.e., not covered by insurance) due to these events and include medical bills, utility bills, rent or mortgage payments, groceries, relocation, shelter due to loss of residence and funeral expenses. Other expenses, not listed here, may be deemed appropriate and approved by the committee. Grants are typically \$500 and are transmitted to the individual usually within 5 days after receipt of completed application.
- Operation Vet Care <https://eangus.org/operation-vetcare/>
 - OVC can provide limited financial assistance for Veterans on a case-by-case basis during a crisis. This financial assistance may help Veterans pay some of the costs associated with emergency home, car, or other "hands-on" repair help. For families facing a temporary, service-related crisis, the help we provide may be gift cards that can be used to purchase, food, clothing, and other necessary items. OVC typically awards a small stipend of up to a couple hundred dollars





How You Can Help

- SIGN UP FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERTS!!! <https://eangus.org/legislative/>
- Brandon Amphitheater
- State Fair 06-17 Oct
- Connect with us on Facebook





Auxiliary

- The AUXILIARY supports and promotes EANGUS and the MSNCOA. Among the many support efforts, the AUXILIARY provides support of legislative efforts for the improvement and retention of benefits for members of the National Guard and their families and assists with planning and preparations of the EANGUS and AUXILIARY Annual Conference.
- Associate membership
- FB Page and group

